

# Welcome to GIVEBACK

Gun Injury and Violence E Advisory Board And Collaborative Network K

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# General Notes and Ground Rules for Today's Meeting

- This meeting will be recorded.
  - If you do not feel comfortable with sharing your video on a recorded meeting, using your webcam is not required.
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- VDH will send out the PowerPoint slides after the meeting.
  - For any questions, email [FASTER@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:FASTER@vdh.virginia.gov).

# Today's Agenda

Time	Activity
1:35pm	Introductions
2:00pm	Background on Firearm Injury Surveillance Through Emergency Rooms (FASTER) Project
2:10pm	Goals of GIVEBACK
2:25pm	Firearm Injury Data Presentation
2:40pm	Break
2:45pm	Networking/Discussion
3:20pm	Next Steps and Questions

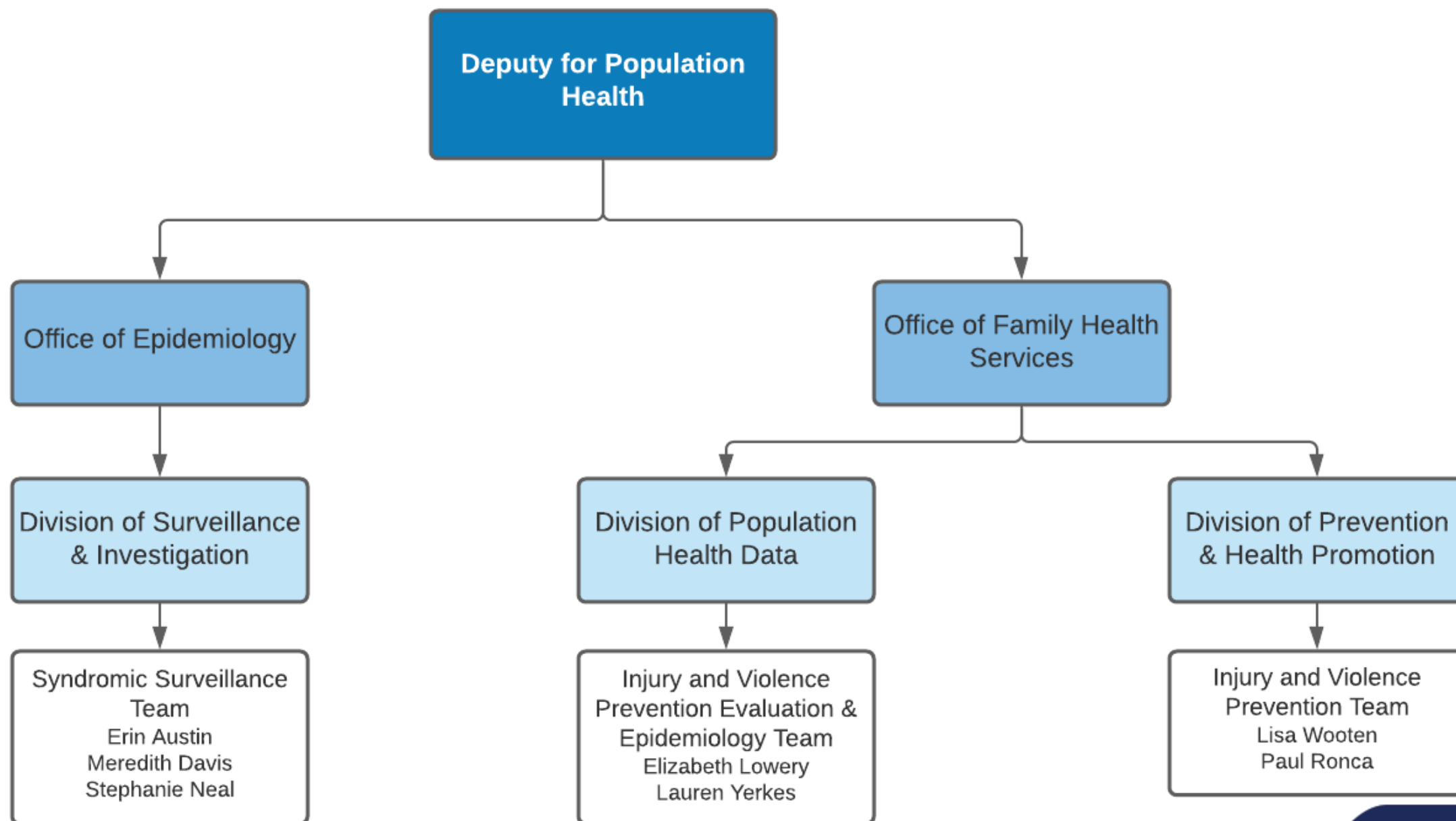
# Introductions

Your Name

Organization

Role/Position

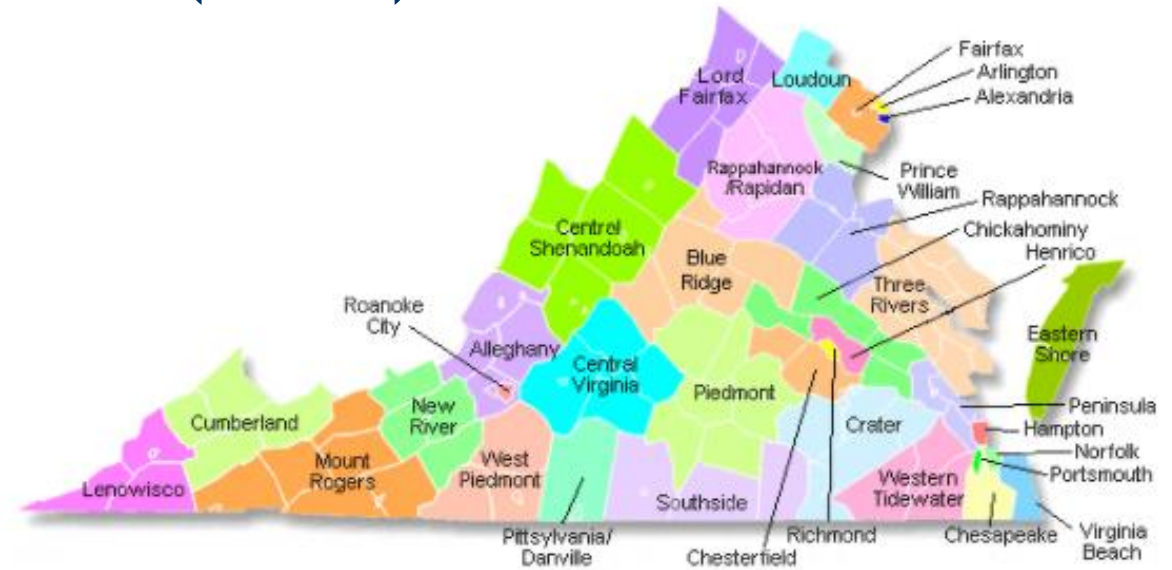
Why you are attending today



# VDH Injury and Violence Prevention Program, the FASTER Project, and GIVEBACK Committee: *A Brief Overview*

# Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

- State health department located in Richmond, VA
- 35 local health districts
  - Two health districts administered through local city/county jurisdictions



**Mission** | *To protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in Virginia.*

**Vision** | *Become the healthiest state in the nation.*

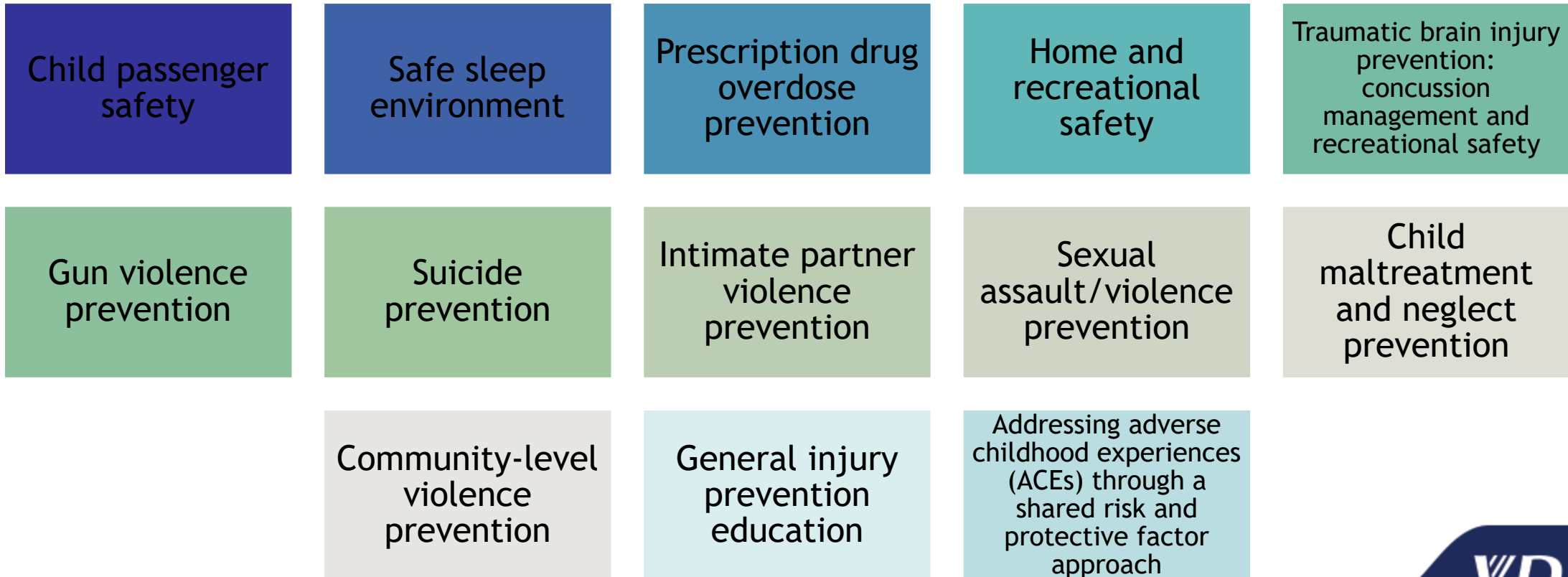
- FASTER project is primary collaboration between two offices
  - Office of Epidemiology - surveillance data on emergency department visits
  - Office of Family Health Services - injury and violence prevention

# Brief Overview:

## Office of Family Health Services Injury & Violence Prevention Program

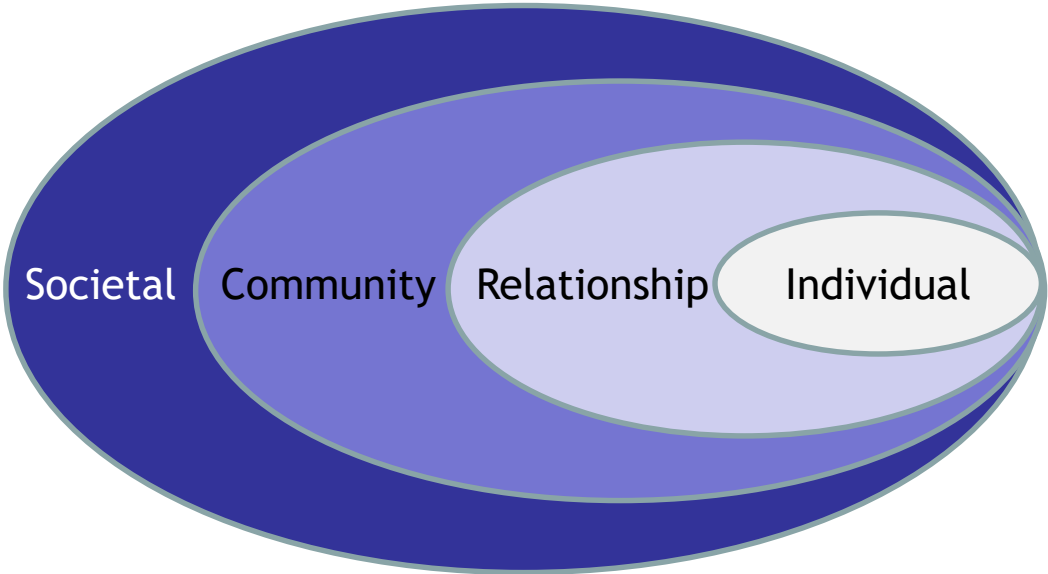
**Mission** | *To build solid infrastructure to improve the health of Virginians by increasing awareness and action to reduce unintentional and intentional injuries and violence.*

**Vision** | *To prevent the impact and adverse health consequences of injury and violence among Virginians.*



# Public Health Approach

Define and Monitor the Problem	Continued monitoring of existing data sources to track indicators
	Presentations, trainings, and exhibits
	Collaborative projects
Identify Risk and Protective Factors	Expand and develop public/private partnerships based on connections of risk and protective factors between different forms of violence
Develop and Test Prevention Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund sub-recipients to implement community-level strategies</li> <li>• Implement state evaluation plans</li> </ul>
Assure widespread adoption through capacity building, technical assistance, state action planning, and policy development	



# The W's: Who, What, When, Where—Virginia's FASTER Project

- Firearm Injury Surveillance Through Emergency Rooms (FASTER)
- Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Three-year initiative: September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2023

## WHO

Virginia  
Department of  
Health (VDH):  
Office of Family  
Health Services  
and Office of  
Epidemiology

## WHAT

Implementation and completion of activities that:

- Increase the timeliness of ED visit data on nonfatal firearm injuries
- Enhance and expand data dissemination on nonfatal firearm injuries
- Collaborate with key stakeholders on firearm injury prevention programs

## WHEN

September 1,  
2020 - August  
31, 2023

## WHERE

Year 1: Focus on  
Richmond City

Years 2-3:  
Expansion  
statewide

# The 'What' of the FASTER Project in More Detail

## Two main strategies of the FASTER project:

- Strategy 1: Increase the timeliness of aggregate reporting of emergency department (ED) visits for nonfatal firearm injuries.
- Strategy 2: Disseminate surveillance findings to key stakeholders working to prevent or respond to firearm injuries, and the public.

# The ‘What’ of the FASTER Project in More Detail

## Long-term outcomes of the FASTER project:

- Increased use of timely information about trends in ED visits for nonfatal firearm injuries by state and local stakeholders.
- Increased use of geographically-specific information about trends in ED visits for nonfatal firearm injuries by state and local stakeholders.
- Increased use of ED data to develop plans for focusing prevention and response strategies on populations at greatest risk of nonfatal firearm injuries by state and local stakeholders.

# Goals and Activities: FASTER Strategy 1

**Strategy 1:** Increase the timeliness of aggregate reporting of ED visits for firearm injuries.

## Activities:

- Share ED surveillance data with CDC to track firearm-related injuries.
- Validate quality of surveillance definitions in partnership with VCU Health Trauma Center.
- Work with CDC on quarterly data reports for firearm injuries.

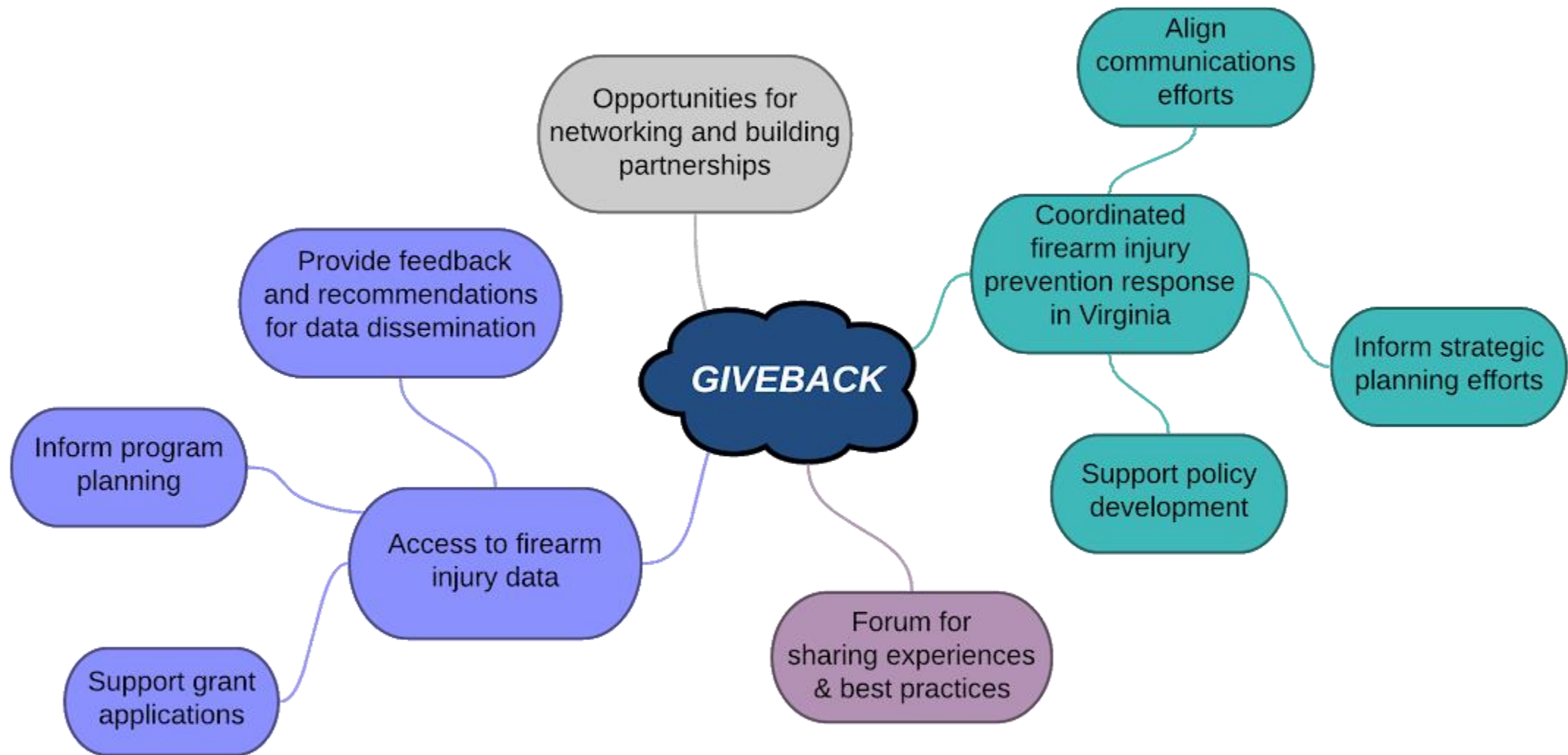
# Goals and Activities: FASTER Strategy 2

**Strategy 1:** Disseminate surveillance findings to key stakeholders working to prevent or respond to firearm injuries, and the public.

## Activities:

- Establish the **Gun Injury and Violence Advisory Board And Collaborative Network (GIVEBACK)**.
- Create and disseminate data products guided by GIVEBACK input.
- Host regional community focus groups to identify priority populations most affected by firearm injury.
- Host statewide Firearm Injury Prevention Summit in Year 3.

# Being a Part of GIVEBACK



# Overall Goals of GIVEBACK

## Goal 1: Create data dissemination plan (due August 31, 2021).

- How should data be used to inform public health action?
- How should data be shared (e.g., reports, presentations, etc.)?
- Who is the intended audience?

## Goal 2: Identify priority populations.

- What populations does your organization serve?
- From your organization's perspective, what are the populations in greatest need?

## Goal 3: Consult, review, and share data products.

- Do the data products include data on the populations identified?
- Are the data products understandable to the general public (i.e., checking for health literacy)?
- Do the data products tell the story of firearm injury in the community?

## Goal 4: Create multi-sector connections for firearm injury surveillance and prevention.

- How can my organization use the available data to enhance our firearm injury prevention programs?
- Are there organizations in GIVEBACK that my organization can connect with to build or enhance firearm injury prevention programs?

# Goals of Today's GIVEBACK Inaugural Meeting

- Learn more about the FASTER project and the role of GIVEBACK
- Be introduced to and learn from other organizations working on and responding to firearm injury
- Identify priority populations your organization and other organizations would like to reach
- Brainstorm about other community partners who could become a part of GIVEBACK

# Questions

# Discussion & Networking

- Does your organization work in the area of firearm injury?
  - If so, how?
  - If not, are you interested in starting to work in this area?
- What are your upcoming interests or projects related to firearm injury?
- What kind of information (e.g. data) could help inform your upcoming work?
- Are there priority populations that your organization would like to reach?
- Are there any community-based partners you would like to recommend for VDH to invite to participate in the GIVEBACK?

# Next Steps

## Before Next Meeting:

- You will receive a brief survey by late spring to gather initial input for data dissemination plan (audience, data formats, communication channels).

## Next Meeting: tentatively scheduled for June 10, 2021

- Conversation will focus on VDH's firearm injury data dissemination plan.

# Thank you!

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